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**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ONE-HOUR OZONE
REDESIGNATION REQUEST AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FOR THE MARICOPA COUNTY NONATTAINMENT AREA**

March 1, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.
MAG Offices, Saguaro Room
302 N. 1st Avenue, Second Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) will jointly conduct a public hearing on the Draft One-Hour Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments.

ADEQ and MAG are requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency redesignate the Maricopa County nonattainment area to attainment for the one-hour ozone standard. No violations of the federal one-hour ozone standard have occurred since 1996. The modeling analysis in the ozone maintenance plan demonstrates that the standard will continue to be met through 2015. With the submittal of this request and plan, the Maricopa County nonattainment area has satisfied all of the requirements to be redesignated to attainment for the one-hour ozone standard.

The maintenance plan includes some measures which apply to Area A as defined by the Arizona Legislature in 2001. Area A is larger than the one-hour ozone nonattainment area and includes portions of Maricopa, Pinal, and Yavapai counties. Also, the plan contains a negative declaration from the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department that there are no longer major sources of fiberglass boat manufacturing present in the Maricopa County area.

The draft document is available for review at the MAG Offices, third floor, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Public comments are welcome at the hearing, or may be submitted in writing by 5:30 p.m. on March 1, 2004 to Lindy Bauer at the address below. After considering the public comments, the MAG Regional Council may take action on the redesignation request and maintenance plan on March 24, 2004. The ADEQ may then adopt the plan for submittal to the EPA.

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